

## RESOLUTION NO. 166-17

BY: **BRIAN BROCHETTI, ALLAN DIVIS**

A RESOLUTION TO CO-NAME THAT PORTION OF YORK ROAD, FROM THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY (INDEPENDENCE BLVD.) TO THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON YORK ROAD TO "RON MOTTI, SR., AVENUE", IN THE CITIES OF PARMA AND PARMA HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, Ron Mottl, Sr. is a former long-time resident of the City of Parma and is a 1952 graduate of Parma Schaaf High School (now Parma Senior High School), where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Mottl is a charter member of the Parma Senior High School Athletic Hall of Fame and earned a baseball scholarship to the University of Notre Dame, where he captained the 1955 Fighting Irish baseball team and earned a bachelor's degree and a law degree; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Mottl served for six years in the U.S. Army and Army Reserves; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Mottl was first elected to public office as a Parma Ward 2 Councilman in 1960 and served until 1961; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Mottl was elected President of Parma City Council in 1961 and served until 1966; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Mottl was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives in 1967 and the Ohio Senate in 1969, where he served until 1974; during which time he became the architect and "father" of the Ohio Lottery, helping to earn millions of dollars for Ohio schools; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Mottl was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1975 and served in Congress until 1982; during which time his extensive list of legislative accomplishments included prevention of testing in salt mines and storage of nuclear waste beneath Lake Erie, helping to save NASA Lewis Research Center for Northeast Ohio, and assisting veterans by improving technology, security, and facilities at local VA hospitals; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Mottl, while serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, helped secure \$250,000.00, along with donations in labor and construction, to assist the Western Campus of Cuyahoga Community College in constructing the baseball field which has since been named in his honor; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Mottl was elected to the Parma Board of Education in 1985 and served as Board President in 1986; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Mottl was elected again to the Ohio House of Representatives in 1987 and served until 1997; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Mottl has practiced law for sixty years, during which time he was a partner with long-time Parma Heights Mayor Paul W. Cassidy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council of the City of Parma hereby authorized and directs the City Engineer to co-name that portion of York Road, from the Northern boundary (Independence Blvd.) to the Southern border of Cuyahoga Community College on York Road, to “Ron Mottl, Sr., Avenue”, in the City of Parma.

Section 2. That this Council authorizes the Safety Director to create and affix “Ron Mottl, Sr., Avenue” street signs for the aforementioned portion of York Road.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of the Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary in order to make this change in the near future, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH  
THE MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_ MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO